# AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (canceled).

2 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim [[1]] 20, wherein values of each parameter are divided into a plurality of ranges, said value labels being associated with respective ranges.

3 (canceled).

4 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim [[3]] 20, wherein the value and model labels are ~~combined~~ concatenated in a grammatical or semi-grammatical structure to form the sound label.

5 (previously presented). The apparatus of claim 4, wherein value labels qualify said model label.

6 (currently amended).  The apparatus of claim [[3]] 20, wherein said value labels and said model labels are ~~combined~~ concatenated using a template defining how the labels are combined.

7 (currently amended).  The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said template specifies a relative position of each value label and model label.

8 (currently amended).  The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said template specifies text to be used between said value and model labels.

9 (previously presented).  The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said template includes conditional statements for inclusion of at least one of a label and text.

10 (currently amended).  The apparatus of claim [[1]] 20, wherein ~~said~~ parameters from a set of parameters include values not associated with any value label.

11 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said values not associated with any value label include values for which said parameter has one of little and no effect on generated sound.

12 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim [[1]] 20, wherein one of said sound and representation thereof is in the form of comprises a digital audio file.

13 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim [[1]] 20, wherein one of said sound and representation thereof comprises an analog audio file.

14 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim [[1]] 20, wherein one of said sound and representation thereof comprises control codes for a synthesizer.

15 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim [[1]] 20, wherein one of said sound and representation thereof comprises selected parameter values for the sound model.

16 (canceled).

17 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim [[1]] 20, wherein said selected corresponding label is associated with said sound it is describing.

18 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim [[1]] 20, wherein said selected corresponding label is tagged to said sound it is describing.

19 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim [[1]] 20, wherein said selected corresponding label is attached to a time location in a media containing said sound.

20 (new). An apparatus that generates sound labels for describing sounds or representations thereof that belong to different sound families, each sound family being characterizered by a sound model defined by a model label, comprising:

a plurality of sound generators that generate different families of sounds, each sound generator having a specific set of parameters with corresponding parameter values that are selectable to generate sounds belonging to a sound family, at least one parameter value of the parameter values of said specific set of parameters being associated with value labels contextually related to said model label of a corresponding sound model characterizing said sound family, wherein selection of said at least one parameter value automatically selects an associated value label that is arranged to be concatenated with said model label of said corresponding sound model to form a descriptive sound label that provides content-related information describing the sound generated or representation thereof.

21 (new). A method of generating sound labels for describing sounds or representations thereof that belong to different sound families, each sound family being characterized by a sound model defined by a model label, comprising:

selecting values of a set of parameters specific to a sound family to generate a sound from the sound family, at least one parameter value of the specific set of parameters being associated with value labels that are contextually related with the model label of a corresponding sound model characterizing the sound family, selection of the parameter value automatically selecting a corresponding value label;

forming a sound label by concatenating a selected value label with the model label of the corresponding sound model; and

generating one of the sound and representation as a file and associating the file with the sound label.

22 (new).   The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the generated sound is arranged to model a sound sample, the formed sound label being used to provide content-related information describing the sound sample.

23 (new).   The apparatus of claim 20, further comprising a customizer that customizes a description of the value labels.

24. (New).   The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the set of parameters includes at least one parameter unique to a specific sound generator.

25 (new).   The method of claim 21, wherein selecting values of a set of

parameters includes calling a comparison function, whereby the selection is automatically performed.